NEWS

THE BIGGEST games department in the world is about to open at HMV ... NINTENDO sign up to develop a home Virtual Reality machine... SKY'S GAMESWORLD gets a facelift...

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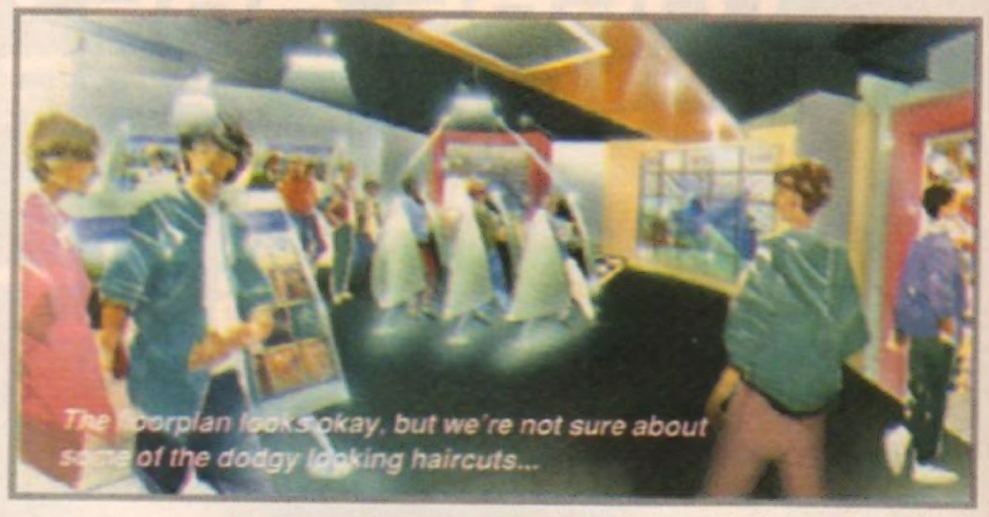

The floorplan looks okay, but we're not sure about some of the dodgy looking haircuts...

GUINNESS RECORD GAMES

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HMV are about to unveil what they describe as 'the world's largest computer games department'. Called Level One, the new floor of fun can be found in HMV's huge shop in Oxford St. They say that it'll carry over 10,000 titles in stock so it should be a massive draw for shoplifters. Ram Raiders will have a bit of a problem though, as the department will be on the first floor.

HMV plan to have similar games departments in over 40 stores by the end of the year, so there could eventually be some scope for low-level attack. However, if you're not a villain, then you're more than welcome to buy some games at Level One when it opens on the 29th September.

GAMES WORLD CHANGES

Just about everyone who's hooked up to Sky TV will have seen the last series of Games World, Sky One's own peek at the world of computer games. Well, on September 20th, a whole new series of the programme starts and will be beaming down to a dish near you at 6.00pm every Monday to Friday. All the best bits from the old show are featured – including all the old computer experts, which includes industry fat cat and very old – and grey – editor of CVG, Tim (Bab) Boone.

The main changes to the show will be the addition of two Eliminator days on Monday and Wednesday and an all-new, all-singing, all-dancing set with a re-inforced bit for fat Tim to stand on.

Oh yes, and some new Videators, one of whom will be a top fishnet stocking, kick-boxing slip of a lass called Cal (who actually works not 12 feet away from us!).

FOOTBALL FEVER

Domark has just unveiled a new character, Marko, who will be the star of a game that the Putney boys and girls are currently developing called Marko's Magic Football. Due for release in March '94, the game will include football skills and platform action in a unique blend of games types.

QUICK NOTES

- **Televison** computer games shows are all stacking up now, ready for a new lease of life in the Autumn, and you may spot some ex-CVG boys on 'em! Steve Keen's now working for Bad Influence, while Paul Anglin's just shuffled over to Games World. And Gamesmaster's got a new front man – Dom D's gone, and been replaced by Press Gang star Dexter Fletcher. Hurrah!

- **Electronic Arts** have just signed the rights to Theme Park. The game revolves around designing, building and then maintaining and managing a theme park. It's a sort of Populous meets Sim City and is an idea put forward by Pete Molyneux at Bullfrog. Expect to see it early '94.

- **Nintendo** has linked up with Silicon Graphics to develop a 64-bit home entertainment system called 'Project Reality', boasting 'Reality Immersion Technology' which in effect is a home Virtual Reality kit.The system is expected to be in homes at the end of December '94, priced at around £250.

- **Virgin's** Richard Branson has sold 15% of Virgin Interactive Entertainment to toy giant Hasbro – responsible for the board games Monopoly and Risk and even the Tonka range – giving VIE around $25m to spend on game development.

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